

Tuesday March 9, 1948

REGULAR MEETING.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday March 9, at ten o'clock. Due to illness Mr. J. Frank Bailey was not present. Capt. M.R. Bailey and Mr. Frank Bailey were in attendance.

Routine auditing and payment of accounts received first attention.

Roads.

Two letters were received relative to bad roads in the 4th District and turned over to Mr. Thompson for immediate action.

Petition signed by 47 taxpayers and residents of Mill Run Road, between 3 Notch and Cuckolds' Creek Roads, brought to attention of the Board. Petitioners ask for relief, either that the road be tarred or bravelled. Matter referred to Mr. Thompson for immediate action.

Petition signed by 27 taxpayers and residents on Society Hill road, presented by Mr. Albert Abell, asks for repairs on bad section. Mail also uses this road. Matter referred to Mr. Thompson.

Dog Depridation.

Mrs. Unger of Tall Timbers, appeared relative to destruction of clothes and household wares by neighbors' dogs. Claims \$50 damage has been done. Mr. Briscoe, attorney to the Board, advised law (which he read at length) makes no provision for such matter, only for destruction to cattle and poultry. He also read Sec. 328 Art 56, Acts 1947 which provides for the shooting of unlicensed dogs on the premises. Failure to license a dog carries a fine of \$5 to \$25, or imprisonment for 30 days or both. Sheriff is authorized to enforce this law. He has in mind a deputy who will be available for this work. Previous to adjourning of Board, Sheriff phoned that person he had in mind is ill. Man is Deputy Tippins, who would tour the county, check on all dogs, ascertain whether they are licensed and wear tags. This Deputy to be authorized to collect taxes for all unlicensed dogs, or shoot them, and owners of untagged dogs will be prosecuted.

Transportation.

Mrs. Powes of Tall Timbers; has 2 small children attending Little Flower School- ;eave home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 8 a.m. and walk  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to meet bus. They reach home at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Warner in same neighborhood has 4 children who walk 1 mi to meet bus. Public School bus passes the Bowes house at 8:45 a.m. not crowded

passes Little Flower School in time for children to be there at 9 a.m. Returning, reaches Bowes home at 3:30 p.m. Matter referred to Mr. J.C. Johnson Pres. Bd. of Education for St. Mary's. He advises he is willing that children use P.S.B. is matter can be so arranged. Matter no longer in hands of County Com. Mrs. Bowes son has bad foot, and walking 2½ mi per day not good for him.

#### St. Mary's County Fair Asson.

St. Mary's County Fair Association, represented by Mr. Heath Steele and Atty. Jos. A. Mattingly, appeared relative to long term lease of Alms House field, for use as permanent Fair Grounds. 13½ Acres, very poor land. Bd. agreed to 25 year lease, at annual rental of \$100.00. Rental was based on net proceeds from 3 crop rotation on that land, and also benefit of Fair to County. Felt that Fair would be more beneficial to county than any other.

#### Bd. Education, Pub. Schools. White

At 1:30 p.m. the Board of Education, Mr. J. Claude Johnson, pres., Mrs. Maude Gardiner, Mr. George Thomas, and Miss Lettie Dent, Supt. Pub. Schools- met with the Commissioners. Bd. Educa. desired Commissioners to consider a building program for 1948. It was urged that since the physical properties of a number of Pub. Sch. are in poor condition, and there is urgent need for more adequate facilities, a building program must be considered. After lengthy discussion and speculation of increased number of school children to be educated in the County, it was decided to secure preliminary sketches for a Consolidated School to be erected in the Mechanics ville section on ground belonging to the Bd. of Edu. Miss Dent requested to secure such sketches from at least 3 architects.

#### Carver Heights School, Col.

Miss Dent was requested to secure information regarding practicability of securing colored dormitory at Carver Hts. for use as colored school for that section, also sufficient ground adjacent to dormitory for playground. Miss Dent reported she had visited the building in question, and considered it would be very satisfactory if remodelled - partitions removed between rooms to make 6 large rooms downstairs and 6 upstairs for classrooms. Has 2 stairways, furnace on ground floor, modern plumbing facilities. She feels nearby auditorium could be used when necessary. It has been brought to the attention of both Boards that PPHA contemplates disposing of building in near future. Graet Mills Elementary School, vacant for some years, will be used again this fall for white elementary grades. Miss Dent will contact Commissioners when she has replies from architects and PPHA. She suggested Commissioners should inspect the Carver Hts. bldg.

#### Coin Operated Machines Yield \$1,148.72

Mr. J.B. Greenwell, clerk to the Circuit Court, reported the issuance of 648 licenses for Coin Operated Machines during the month of Feb. 1948. He displayed a metal marker similar to the State Identification Tag for vending machines. Clerk was instructed to contact Dorman Co., Balto., Md. with view to securing 1200

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such tags for use by Commissioners in licensing coin operated machines in May 1948. This license will expire May 1-1949.

Board adjourned at 4 p.m.

A F King, clerk